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TOPIC	Aspern Airfield and Military Post		
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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REMARKS			
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- 25X1 1. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 12 April 1954, source observed 29 MiG-15s and three Yak-11s at Aspern airfield. Weather was 3/10 overcast with the cloud base at about 2,000 meters. After noon, weather became dull and a closed ceiling formed at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. There was a moderate northwesterly wind; visibility was good. MiG-15s which had been parked at the eastern edge of the airfield took off individually and in groups of two from the southeast to the northwest. The landings were made in the same direction. Almost all of the planes touched ground two or three times before they completed their landing run. Landings and take-offs were made at the following times:

	Designation of Aircraft	Time of Take-off	Time of Landing
25X1		8:26 a.m.	9:02 a.m.
		9:15 a.m.	9:43 a.m.
		9:32	9:57
	(2 MiG-15)	9:32:30"	9:57:30"
25X1		10:12	10:36
		10:50	11:17
	(2 MiG-15)	10:50:30"	11:17:15"
	?	11:40	12:02
	?	12:22	12:41
25X1		12:50	13:16

During air activity, a group of 20 to 30 men, who wore flying suits, was seen near the command bus parked at the eastern edge of the airfield, about 100 meters north-east of the "Knife-Rest" and "Fish-Net" radar sets. Individual soldiers of this group went to the MiG-15s and others coming from the aircraft joined the group. A total of nine trucks, nine tank-trucks, and six van-like trucks were seen near the parking site for the MiG-15s.¹

2. At least five crates each about the size of a moving-van were seen near 10 canvas-covered MiG-15s parked on the western border of the field. The fuselage of a MiG-15 was seen by the side of one of these crates.² The building east of the airfield in line with the runway had been fitted with one small red lamp each on the two gables and one large red lamp in the middle of the roof. These lamps were in operation when flying was practiced in the field. Motor vehicles identified near the flight control station included:

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25X1 [redacted] vanlike truck
jeep
signal truck
tank truck
tank truck, all drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets.
25X1 tank truck

Trucks [redacted] were identified at the garage of the field.

3. The 20 x 50 meters meadow in front of the single-story temporary buildings was ploughed up and levelled. The permanent building apparently only quartered Soviet civilians. While flying was conducted at the field, fuel was continuously hauled from Tank Dump West to the parking site for aircraft on the eastern edge of the installation. The "Knife-Rest" and "Fish-Net" radar sets did not move during flight activity. About 40 meters east of these sets, was a signal truck fitted with a wire antenna extending parallel to the runway and a wooden hut with telephone connection. About 100 meters northwest of the radar sets [redacted] a van-like truck fitted with a small pyramidal antenna with disk. Six x 37 mm AA guns were seen at the AA emplacement.

4. Building No 26 at Siegesplatz in Aspern had apparently been returned to its civilian owners. Building No 7 on Gross Enzersdorferstrasse, No 22 on Bachgasse, and No 19 on Lobaugasse were apparently unoccupied. Cantonment East quartered soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

5. The Konrad Kaserne in Gross Enzersdorf was occupied to capacity. Passenger traffic was light, no motor vehicle traffic was observed. Motor vehicles parked at 156 Kasernenstrasse, including:

25X1 van-like truck
25X1 van-like truck
25X1 truck
25X1 truck



1. [redacted] Comment. Aspern airfield is believed to be still occupied by a fighter regiment and its superior division headquarters. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that MiG-15s had been shipped in these crates.

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